

Battered Reeds And Smoldering Wicks

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Matthew 12:20-21(Amp)

²⁰ "A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK, AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT EXTINGUISH, UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY.

²¹ "AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES (all the nations of the world) WILL HOPE [with confidence]."

1. Battered reeds are people who have been hurt.

Picture: Battered reed

Matthew 12:21 - In his name the nations will put their hope. (NIV)

Matthew 8:17 - This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases." (NIV)

Matthew 11:28 - "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (NIV)

Lk. 13:10-13

10. On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues,
11. and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

12. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."

13. Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

2. Smoldering wicks are people who are entangled with sin.

Picture: Lamp and wick

Isaiah 64:6 . . . all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. (NIV)

Firstly, Those who have never come to Christ to be forgiven.

Secondly, The smoldering wick is the Christian who has backslidden;

Matthew 12:20a - "A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK, AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT EXTINGUISH..."

Matthew 12:20b - UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE (RIGHTEOUSNESS) TO VICTORY.